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Comtat Ultra-light Carbon Bottle Cage £19.99

Carbon cage that delivers on weight, looks, performance and price

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Weight: 25g **Contact:** www.comtat.co.uk

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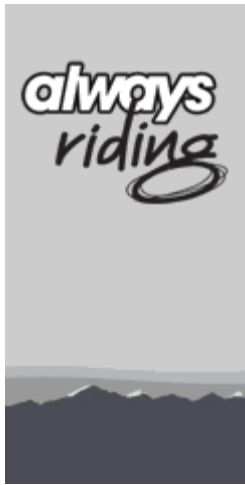
Comtat's Ultra-light Carbon Bottle Cage certainly lives up to its name, weighing in at a mere 26g. The cage is constructed of a lacquered 3K carbon weave, which results in a high gloss black finish with the carbon weave showing through and the Comtat name picked out in white script.

From a purely aesthetic viewpoint, it has a classy, expensive look and finish that would complement any frame, but will no doubt appeal to those with carbon frames in particular.

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Looks aren't all you get though; the cage is very rigid and hardly deflects at all even when squeezed hard. At first, it was quite tight to slide a bottle into it, but the cage freed up a little once the initial tackiness of the lacquer wore off. It does still however, keep a very firm grip of the bottle, and hasn't allowed it to move an inch unintentionally since fitting, with both 500ml and 750ml bottles (750ml being the maximum recommended size).

The design is such that it is easy to load and unload the bottle from the cage; the opening allows you to locate the bottle into the cage without having to look down too much, and the snug fit gives you confidence that you have located the bottle properly, and won't hear it bouncing down the road when you let it go.

Verdict

This is a well made bottle cage with good looks to back up its solid performance, plus a price tag of only £19.99 making it good value for money, especially when compared with most of its direct competition.

road.cc test report

Make and model: Comtat Carbon bottle cage

Size tested: n/a

Tell us what the product is for, and who it's aimed at. What do the manufacturers say about it? How does that compare to your own feelings about it?

"A tried and tested design resulting in an ultra strong and very light bottle cage"

Tell us some more about the technical aspects of the product?

Full Carbon weave: 3k

Finish:Clear coating

Weight:26g

Rate the product for quality of construction:

9/10

Rate the product for performance:

9/10

Rate the product for durability:

8/10

Rate the product for weight, if applicable:

9/10

Rate the product for value:

9/10

Tell us how the product performed overall when used for its designed purpose

This is a solid performer, with a good firm grip on the bottle, and easy to load and unload.

Tell us what you particularly liked about the product

It's stylish good looks.

Did you enjoy using the product? Yes

Would you consider buying the product? Yes

Would you recommend the product to a friend? Yes

Overall rating: 9/10

About the tester

Age: 44 **Height:** 6\ 1 **Weight:** 155 lbs

I usually ride: Litespeed Icon **My best bike is:** as above

I've been riding for: 10-20 years **I ride:** Most days **I would class myself as:** Experienced

I regularly do the following types of riding: road racing, touring, sportives, general fitness riding, fixed/singlespeed, mtb, Track Cycling

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